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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/30/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 72,74-76,78-88 and 91-93.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. This is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The closest prior art Graunke et al U.S. Pat. No. 5,991,399 discloses a secure distribution of a private key to a user's application program.

Matsumoto, Hiroshi et al. discloses an electronic document processing system and preparing method for digital signature.

However, neither Graunke nor Weller singularly or in combination discloses the recited feature:

As per claims 72 and 88 " providing information content for the document comprising at least one of text and graphic images, generating a digital signature of said information content, producing a self-authenticating message comprising a cryptographic combination of the digital signature and the essentially unique identifier, and printing the information content and the self-authenticating message on the document stock by means of a computer printer".

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. Please amend claim 85 as follow:

Claim 74, line 2, delete 75 and add – 72--.

Claim 85, line 2, delete " 77" and add – 72--.

Confirmed by Karl F. Milde Reg. No. 24,822.

Conclusion

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 571 272 6706. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571 272 6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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